

\$7,000,000 FOR DEFENSES.

Text of the Fortification Bill as Passed by the Senate Yesterday—\$7,000,000 for Washington Navy Yard.

Following is the text of the fortification appropriation bill as it was passed by the Senate yesterday:

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Best Way to Get Rid of Bugs and Caterpillars.

The regular monthly meeting of the Horticultural Society was held last night at Cogan Hall, John Salt presiding.

On account of the sickness of Mr. William J. Cogan, the secretary, J. T. C. Clark acted in his stead. The first subject discussed was the best means of destroying the caterpillars.

Burning sulphur under the trees was recommended by one member, but others thought that while sulphur would certainly kill the caterpillars, it would also kill the trees.

Another means suggested of killing them was spraying the trees with a solution made of Paris green or London purple. This remedy seemed to meet with most favor with the members of the society.

How to rid the rose bushes of the bugs that infest and destroy them was the next subject considered. Various means were tried in strong stude made from whale oil soap was suggested as a good remedy.

Also made from old-fashioned soft soap was said to be very efficacious. But the remedy that was most recommended was a decoction made by boiling tobacco leaves in water and washing the bushes with it.

Prof. Saunders exhibited some very handsome roses and also sprays of beautiful flowers. Mr. John Salt exhibited some beautiful specimens of Japanese Ham aratum (Japanese lilies), also a variety of bi-hydrangeas, Japanese rose, coral plant, and others.

The society adjourned to meet on the fourth Wednesday in September.

Minister to Peru. Mr. Edward Spencer Pratt, whose appointment as minister resident and consul general to Peru was yesterday sent into the Senate, is a native of Alabama.

He was born a few miles from Mobile, and almost from birth of the Gulf of Mexico. His father was the late William H. Pratt, the well-known southern banker and financier.

Mr. Pratt is now in his 36th year, and is a native of Alabama. He was educated in the common schools of his native state, and at the University of Alabama.

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The Standard Recording and Alarm Gauge.

FOR INDICATING AND RECORDING PRESSURE WITHIN BOILERS, WATER-PIPES, ETC.

B. F. Isherwood, Chief Engineer, U. S. Navy, writes as follows:

"The use of Recording-Alarm Gauges and High-Pressure Alarms on Boilers is of importance, because it is a means of the preservation of Life and Property, for the discovery of the cause of steam-boiler explosion, and for the just adjudication of damages when the latter occur, etc."

Geo. B. N. Tower, late U. S. Supervising Inspector-General of Steamers, writes as follows:

"M. R. Edson, Esq., President.

"Sir: I have carefully examined your Indicating and Recording Steam Pressure Gauge and High-Pressure Alarm, and am well satisfied that it will do all that is claimed for it. I have witnessed its action for some years past, and considered it invaluable to owners and users of steam-power, as it is a complete check on the doings of the engineer and fireman. Its perfect reliability is unquestioned. Nothing harms a boiler more than fluctuations in pressure, and nothing is more prejudicial to economy in fuel, and the record-chart of this gauge indicates at once whether the pressure is uniform, and the amount of all variations. In case of an explosion it is very difficult, and generally impossible, to determine the amount of steam-pressure at the moment of rupture, but if this gauge is attached, the record-chart gives an indubitable and accurate register of the pressure in pounds, which may assist greatly in determining the cause of the explosion. It is of great assistance to boiler-inspectors, for it shows them how efficiently an engineer has cared for his boiler, and, also, whether the prescribed pressure has been exceeded—how much and how long. This reason alone, if for no other, the 'Chart' should always be carefully preserved for reference. I think too much cannot be said in its favor. Respectfully,

"GEO. B. N. TOWER.

"Sup'g Inspector Am. Steam Boiler Ins. Co., New-York, Dec. 1, 1885."

The well-known Expert in Hydraulic Engineering, J. J. Croes, Esq., states that the evidence obtained by the use of these Recording Gauges is extremely useful, and is a most effective means for discovering whether water occurs, and of tracing offenders in this respect."

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